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A Baptist Century

**Selma Baptist Church**

1872 - 1972





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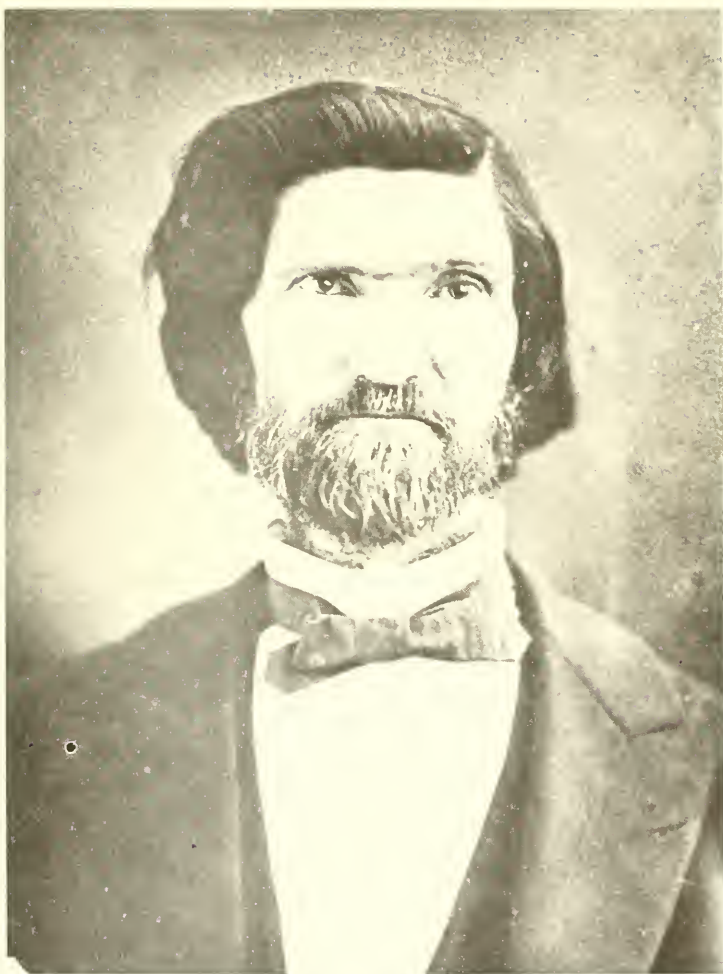




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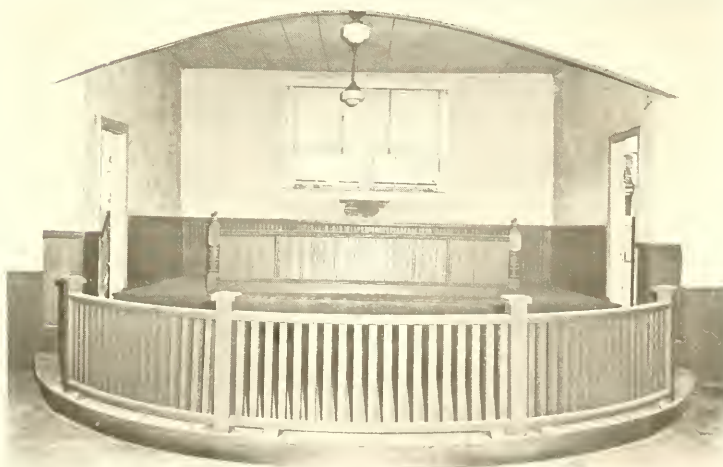
W. M. WINGATE—1872-1873







FIRST CHURCH—1875-1908





Members of the Selma Baptist Church, late in 1971, conceived the idea of celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of the church, which would occur on June 1, 1972. Soon, plans began to be made and a program of action formulated. Among the Centennial committees appointed was one to do research and write the history of the church, from its time of origin.

The historical committee found the task one of challenge and compelling interest, as the search for information began to uncover inspiring accomplishments of Christian workers of the past, which is the church's great heritage.

The information thus obtained revealed, among other facts, the circumstances of the origin of the church, something of the dedicated personalities of those who served so well during those early years, some of the problems encountered throughout the century, and ways in which the Selma Baptist Church has served the people of the Selma community.

The historical committee is most humbly aware of the fact that the history, as herein given, is only a small part of the church's great history, for only God himself can fully know all which is important that has transpired throughout the life of the church, and all of those who have rendered devoted service to it.

With full knowledge that any such work as this is bound to contain unintentional oversights, the committee expresses full apology, in advance, where it may not have given adequate recognition for services rendered to any individual, living or dead, or to any group of any period whose acts have been important in the life of the church. To all, the committee respectfully offers the reminder that information pertaining to church history was requested of the membership, and a large number obligingly responded.

The historical committee acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind assistance of the many people who made possible the location of old records, and research for the information they contained. Included here are the library staff of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina; staff members of the State Library of the North Carolina Historical Commission; staff members of the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield and the Smithfield Herald Publishing Company, of Smithfield, North Carolina.

Gratitude is also expressed to the numerous individuals who granted interviews to members of the committee, for their recollections of the past helped to uncover much valuable information which might not otherwise have come to light.

Deeply appreciated are the efforts of the Reverend D. Wayne Martin, Pastor, and the many members of the church who gave unstintingly of their time and service, and through which the fulfillment of the committee's assignment was made possible.



Finally, special thanks are expressed to Mrs. Marjorie Peele, church secretary, for her assistance rendered.

This version of the church's history is presented to the members of Selma Baptist Church, 1972, with feelings of deep humility for the feeble human effort it represents, but also with the strongest feelings of Christian love and devotion for Selma Baptist Church, of the past, present and future.

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## A BAPTIST CENTURY

### Selma Baptist Church, 1872 - 1972

Selma Baptist Church, on June 1, 1972, rounded out one hundred years of Christian service. This "Baptist Century" had its beginning with the determination of a small group of men of Selma and vicinity, followers of the Missionary Baptist tradition, to establish a church of their own. They made this decision when the town of Selma was itself only five years old.

#### \*\*\* Origins \*\*\*

Selma Baptist Church, which has a membership in 1972 of 406, was organized on June 1, 1872, with nine members. This is believed to have been the first church of any kind established in Selma.

On that date representatives of the Raleigh Baptist Association journeyed to Selma for the purpose of constituting a Baptist Church, "...at the request of some brethren at Selma...", according to articles published in the Biblical Recorder, issues of June 19 and June 26, 1872.

Officiating on this historic occasion were Dr. W. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College; Elder William B. Harrell, the associational missionary for the Raleigh Baptist Association; and Elders Amos Weaver and F. R. Underwood.

The place where this meeting to organize the Selma Baptist Church was held cannot be definitely established, but it is believed to have been in a building used for a private school. Elder Harrell, writing for the Biblical Recorder, told of having held services periodically in Selma at the "Academy", and this is the only school thought to be in existence in Selma at that time.

With Elder Weaver acting as Moderator, and one of the Selma residents who had requested the organization of a church, J. C. Scarborough, acting as Secretary, the "Presbytery" (Baptist group with authority to organize a church) was called to order. Letters granted to them by nearby Baptist Churches were presented by nine persons who desired to establish a church of their own.

Of these nine charter members, the minutes of the Raleigh Baptist Association mention only four: J. C. Scarborough, W. H. Avera, E. S. Moore and J. A. Underhill. The other five are presumed to have been members of the families of these men, though it is possible that one may have been Daniel Sellers. (It is a fact that Daniel Sellers, in 1877, was a delegate to the State Convention from Selma. This Daniel Sellers was the owner of the property on which the town of Selma was originally built.)



Following the acceptance of the letters and the adoption of a church covenant, the group was recognized as the Selma Baptist Church.

Dr. Wingate, who was to serve as pastor for the new church for the next two years, preached the first sermon to the little band of nine comprising the new church and the many friends who had gathered with them. According to Elder Harrell, excerpts of whose diary were published in the Biblical Recorder of June 26, 1872. Dr. Wingate, in this first message to the new church, " ...discoursed most affectingly and feelingly on 'the five loaves and two fishes'; bearing mostly on the words 'Bring them to me' ..."

Details of this beginning for the Selma Baptist Church are to be found in a report by the new church secretary, J. C. Scarborough, published in the Biblical Recorder of June 19, 1872. His brief report tells quite succinctly the story of these origins:

W. M. Wingate, DD, Eld. Amos Weaver and Eld. William B. Harrell met by request of some brethren at Selma, Johnston County, N. C., on Saturday, June 1st, 1872, for the purpose of constituting a church. The Presbytery was organized by calling Eld. Weaver to the chair as Moderator, and requesting brother J. C. Scarborough to act as Secretary.

Letters were called for from those promising to organize a church. Nine were presented and read.

A church covenant was submitted and adopted by members, and on the motion of Dr. Wingate, the Presbytery recognized them as a church. Brother E. S. Moore was elected clerk of the church and brethren W. H. Avera and J. C. Scarborough deacons.

During the meeting brethren Wingate and Weaver preached some good sermons, which we trust will be blessed of God to the good of many who heard them. Many were seen weeping whom we had not seen weeping before under the preaching of the Word. May God incline the hearts of this people to forsake sin and serve Him.

--- J. C. SCARBOROUGH



\*\*\* A House of Worship is Built \*\*\*

No records are available to show where services were held before a church building was erected, but it is believed to have been the school, operated by J. C. Scarborough and his wife, known to Elder Harrell as the "Academy at Selma."

In 1875, Selma Baptist Church, then having a membership of 46, purchased, for \$100, three lots on East Watson Street, for the purpose of building its house of worship. The records in the office of the Register of Deeds for Johnston County, in Smithfield, North Carolina, show that the transaction was made by deacons W. H. Avera and J. C. Scarborough, with the property being sold by W. J. Barrow and his wife, Henrietta. This location placed the church in the area of Selma most populous at that time, since the bulk of town was located on the south side of the North Carolina Railroad (now the Southern Railroad).

There are no records to show how long it was before a building was erected on this site, but judging from the perseverance displayed by these early Baptists, one may assume that it was done promptly.

The first church "home" served its people well through the remainder of the nineteenth century and into the twentieth. Many present day older members recall it fondly from their memories of childhood years, and five who were members of the church at that time are living today. They are Mrs. Ila Adams, Mrs. N. G. Blackman, Mrs. G. A. Earp, Mr. M. B. Lane, and Mr. E. W. O'Neal.

Information concerning the monetary value of church property during the earliest years is not available, but in 1904 it was reported to the Raleigh Baptist Association for inclusion in the minutes of that year that the church property was valued at \$2,000 and had a seating capacity of 400.

The first parsonage was built, it is believed, in 1899. A lot for this purpose, adjoining the church, was purchased that year from D. H. Graves, as attested to by county deed records.

\*\*\* The Present Church Building \*\*\*

The membership of the church grew steadily as the twentieth century began, and with the town of Selma growing and extending more to the north and west all the time, the decision was made in 1905 to erect a new and finer structure, in the newer section.

Pursuant to this decision, negotiations were entered into to procure new property, and the records of the Johnston County Register of Deeds show that for this purpose, on September 25, 1905, a lot was



purchased at the corner of Waddell and Pollock Streets. The size of the lot was given as 140 feet by 225 feet, with the transaction being made between the church Board of Trustees and C. W. Richardson and wife, Ivey. No price for the transaction was noted, and it is believed that C. W. Richardson might have donated the lot to the church. Along with M. C. Winston and W. H. Hare, C. W. Richardson was a member of the Board of Trustees. And so it came about that plans were soon made for a new, more beautiful house of worship at this new location. The decision brought into being within a few years the church edifice which is in use today.

It is reported that when the final decision was made, Henry Hood, son of the illustrious Samuel H. Hood, and prominent figure in the church, cried, because the church was "...moving out of town, into the country ...".

The cornerstone for the present church was laid in 1907 and the structure completed in 1908. Before moving to its new location, the old building and parsonage were sold by the church to A. V. Driver, father of A. Roy Driver of Selma. Mr. Driver later sold the church building to the Howell Chapel Church of Christ, and it was moved one block south to the corner of Sharp and Preston Streets, where it now stands. It was used by the congregation which purchased it until 1970, when they moved into a new brick veneer house of worship nearby.<sup>1</sup>

A number of most interesting references to the new church building are to be found in 1907 issues of The News and Observer and The Smithfield Herald. They include the following, from The News and Observer, June 4, 1907:

The Rev. O. R. Mangum, pastor of the Selma Baptist Church was in the city yesterday to get the plans for the new church which his congregation is preparing to build.

The church will be of brick and will have the largest church auditorium in the county.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. George Sturgeon, member of the committee preparing this history, provides the following information: "On April 12, 1972, along with Miss Rena King, Mrs. Ida Brown, Mrs. Lelia Earp, and Mr. P. F. L. Underhill, I visited the former site of the Selma Baptist Church at 208 E. Watson Street. Each of those with me say they remember when the church was at the Watson Street location. (Mr. Underhill is the grandson of J. A. Underhill, who was a delegate from Selma Baptist Church to the Raleigh Association's sixty-seventh meeting in 1872). The parsonage, which was built on the lot adjoining the church, in its original location, is now occupied by Mrs. Mary Perry. Mrs. Mollie Creech had previously lived there."





The Smithfield Herald of September 27, 1907, gave the following information:

The new church in Selma, which is to cost nearly \$10,000 will be the handsomest church edifice in the county. The outside will be of white face brick. In addition to the auditorium, the building will contain eight Sunday School rooms, four of which can be thrown open with the auditorium when occasion demands.

The Smithfield Herald in its September 27, 1907 issue, also gave particulars concerning the laying of the cornerstone:

Next Sunday, September 29, will be a "big day" for the Selma Baptists. The occasion will be the laying of a tablet in the new church.

The services will begin at 10:45 a.m. when an address will be made by Mr. John A. Oates of Fayetteville. Subject: "The Church and its struggle for temperance."

At 11:30 a sermon will be preached by the Rev. C. E. Maddy of Greensboro.

At 3:30 p.m. there will be an address by the Rev. C. W. Blanchard. Subject: "The Church, its obligations to its members; the obligation of its members to it."

At 4:00 p.m. there will be an address by the pastor, O. R. Mangum, on "The Baptists, their past and their future."

At 8:00 p.m. Professor J. B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College will speak on "The Church and the Coming Kingdom."

On October 4, 1907, The Smithfield Herald printed the following reference to the cornerstone laying ceremony:

Last Sunday the tablet was placed in the new Baptist Church in Selma. Rain was falling in the early morning, but it stopped by eleven and then it was a pretty day.

After services at the old church, the crowd gathered at the new church, where prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Harrell. Then the tablet was placed in position by the Rev. Mr. Mangum and the Rev. Mr. Blanchard.

Short talks were made by L. H. Allred, representing the town of Selma, and the Rev. F. A. Bishop of the Methodist Church. A prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Blanchard, after which the congregation was dismissed by the pastor, the Rev. O. R. Mangum.

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Particulars about the physical arrangements of the new church, at the time it was occupied in 1908, include those concerning the Sunday School classrooms. They were of one floor, back of the sanctuary. There was an elevated baptistry back of the pulpit and choir loft.

The seating capacity of 400, as reported to the Baptist Convention, was achieved whenever four of the Sunday School rooms were thrown open as part of the auditorium.

### \*\*\* Fund Raising Success \*\*\*

Of special interest to any church which might face a pressing need for funds is the "success story" of paying off the church debt, reported by The Smithfield Herald on October 28, 1910:

The Selma Baptist congregation on October 26 heard a moving sermon by Professor J. B. Carlyle of Wake Forest College. His subject: "The Church, Its Place and Mission in Democracy."

At the close of the service it was stated that the sum of \$3,287 was needed to pay off the debt on the church and pews. The amount needed was subscribed in twenty minutes.

The largest sum given was by Mr. M. C. Winston, who donated \$500. Other members of the Winston family contributed enough to make this family's total contribution about \$1,000. Class groups, led by the Baraca Class, made subscriptions.

A beautiful spirit prevailed and there was great rejoicing over the success of the effort.

The Baptist Church will be completed at once. Beautiful new pews have been purchased, and the heating plant is to be installed, also the interior to be completed and beautified.

### \*\*\* Renovations \*\*\*

The need for more Sunday School classrooms brought about the building program of 1947-1948, when the one-story educational section was removed, and the three floors of classrooms in use today were added.



At that same time, changes in the sanctuary were made, and Sunday School rooms were arranged to no longer open into the sanctuary. Other changes included removal of the baptistry from its location back of the choir loft to have it placed under the platform on which the pulpit was erected.

The next building program provided the church annex, constructed in 1959-1960, to provide a church office, pastor's study, classrooms for Sunday School use, and a kitchen and serving area.

The most recent renovation was undertaken in 1965, with extensive beautification aims in mind. At that time the baptistry was relocated, putting it back of the choir loft again. Other improvements included remodeling and repainting the interior, installation of new pews, altar furniture and wall-to-wall carpeting. The total cost was about \$22,000.

### \*\*\* The Parsonage \*\*\*

As mentioned in references to the first house of worship, a parsonage was constructed on a lot purchased for the purpose, next to the church, in 1899. The parsonage built on that lot was sold, in 1904, to A. V. Driver. The pastor, C. W. Blanchard, who was also then pastor at Smithfield, had been given permission to live in Smithfield.

After the church moved to its new home at its present location it was felt desirable to build a new parsonage nearby. In 1919, a lot was secured, next to where Mrs. E. V. Woodard now lives, on North Pollock Street, and a new parsonage built.

The Pollock Street parsonage was used until 1953, when it was sold to W. O. Lane, and new property purchased on West Waddell Street. The home built there, and completed in 1954, has served as the Selma Baptist Church parsonage since then.

### \*\*\* The Recreational Building \*\*\*

In 1968 The Brannon building, a warehouse which had stood for some time on the lot adjoining the church property at the rear of the church annex, was purchased.

Primary objective for obtaining the property was for use in an expanded youth recreational program, though it may be used in any way desirable by the church.





FIRST PARSONAGE—about 1899



SECOND PARSONAGE—1919



PRESENT PARSONAGE —Built 1954





\*\*\* Worship Services \*\*\*

It is believed that in the beginning the Selma Baptist Church held Sunday worship services twice monthly, on the first and third Sundays. It is a matter of record that this was being done in 1879, as reported in the minutes of the Raleigh Association. Few other churches in the state at that time were having meetings of more than once a month, according to associational records.

Selma went to three Sundays a month for the years 1881 to 1883, and then cut back to twice a month until 1898, when hard times forced them to have meetings only once a month, for a period of five years. Thereafter twice-monthly services were resumed until 1926, when regular weekly Sunday services began.

\*\*\* Early Pastors \*\*\*

Earliest pastors of Selma Baptist Church were men who were eminent among North Carolina Baptists, and who, themselves, form an important part of Southern Baptist heritage. Serving as pastor from the time of organization until 1874 was Dr. Washington Manly Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, of whom it was written by George W. Paschal in his History of Wake Forest College, "...he was perhaps the greatest Baptist preacher who has been connected with the college and denomination in the state. Such is the unanimous testimony of many of the ablest of his brethren who know him and heard of him ...".

Dr. Wingate, originally from the Darlington District of South Carolina, had joined the staff of Wake Forest College in 1846. During the Civil War period, when the college was closed, he served as pastor of Baptist churches at Oxford, Franklinton and Brassfield. He was the pastor for the Franklinton church for twenty years.

Another Wake Forest notable became pastor at Selma in 1874. He was Dr. W. T. Brooks, who served until 1877, and saw the little flock in Selma increase in size from nineteen to forty-seven members. Dr. Brooks, a native of Chatham County, had been ordained while a student at Wake Forest College in 1834, the year the college was founded. He was twenty-five years old. He was a graduate of the 1839 class, which was the first class to receive diplomas. He was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1874. He was for five years (1869-1875) the president of the Baptist State Convention, and served for some time as a member of the Board of Trustees for Wake Forest College.

Selma's third pastor, J. T. Albritton of Goldsboro, though not an ordained minister, served from 1877 until 1879. Certainly not as eminent in the academic world as his two predecessors, he was, nevertheless, referred to in Paschal's History of Wake Forest College as,



"...One of the most useful ministers in the Baptist denomination in the State ...". During his tenure at Selma, membership rose from forty-seven to sixty.

James K. Howell, of Raleigh, the fourth pastor, served for nine years (1880-1888), the greatest length of time a pastor has remained with the church. Mr. Howell began his work at Selma before he became an ordained minister, and was ordained while pastor at Selma. During his tenure the membership increased to seventy-nine. According to Paschal's History of Wake Forest College, Mr. Howell had been a native of Granville County, and had served in the army of The Confederate States of America as chaplain of the First North Carolina Regiment. He served several churches in addition to Selma. Before serving the Selma church he had been Secretary of the Sunday School Board for the North Carolina Baptist Association, and was Sunday School Missionary for North Carolina in 1876.

For three of the years Mr. Howell was pastor (1881-1883) Selma had services three times monthly, on first, second, and third Sundays.

The four men who were pastors at Selma until the turn of the century included O. C. Horton (1889-1894), an ordained minister who also served the churches at Princeton, Pine Level and Johnston Liberty. Under his leadership membership rose to ninety. He was succeeded by J. G. Pulliam, who served for a single year. Church membership declined to sixty-two that year. Next, serving for two years, J. F. Tuttle (1896-1898) saw membership decline further, to fifty-seven.

Beverly Lacey Hoge came to the church as pastor in 1898, at the time of serious economic depression. Church finances were in bad condition, the building was badly in need of repairs, and the membership had shown a continual decline for several years. The church at that time was largely helped, financially, by the Mission Board.

Mr. Hoge, formerly a lawyer, went into the ministry under the influence of Dr. Lynn Broughton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia. Through Dr. Broughton's uncle, Mr. Needham Broughton, Mr. Hoge was called as pastor of the Selma Baptist Church.

Faithful members of the church, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston, Mrs. R. B. Carrington, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hood, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hare, under the leadership of the new pastor, undertook the task of repairing the church. Mrs. Hoge, with a group of ladies of the church, helped in the many tasks of cleaning and restoring the interior to much of its former beauty. As soon as the physical needs were seen to, Mr. Hoge held a revival, doing his own preaching.

A total of 13 baptisms and 15 additions by letter came about as a result of this revival, which witnessed the conversion of many prominent people of that day. Included were Mrs. A. M. Noble, mother of Dr. R. J. Noble, and Albert Noble, Dr. Noble's son.



Dr. Robert Noble, another son, became a leader in the church at Selma, and later in the Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh.

It was during the great revival, just mentioned, that Mr. Hoge baptised his young daughter, Annie. This daughter is Mrs. Annie Vick, widow of the late Dr. George D. Vick, who is a present-day active leader of the Selma Baptist Church.

B. Lacey Hoge served only a short time in Selma, but his service was great, and is well remembered by older members today.

The next pastor, who served from 1899 to 1901, was Duncan McLeod. While he was pastor, membership dropped as low as forty-three, then rebounded to eighty-five.

During the entire one hundred year period, available records show that Selma Baptist Church has been served by a total of thirty-two pastors (not including supply pastors). The fourth pastor, J. K. Howell, as has been mentioned, served for the longest period of time. D. M. Clemmons (1936-1944) served for the second longest period, and Guy C. Moore (1960-1967) the third longest.

Tables provided at the end of this history may be referred to for information not otherwise given about pastors who served from 1902 to the present.

### \*\*\* Lay Leadership During Early Years \*\*\*

Lay leadership of Selma Baptist Church during the years of its infancy included a number of men prominent in Johnston County and in North Carolina history, both in religious circles and in community affairs.

J. C. Scarborough, one of the charter members who was named as one of the first deacons in 1872, was a famous educator. He had been a member of the faculty of Wake Forest College in 1870. In 1876 he became North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction, a post he held for twelve years. He was named President of Chowan College at Murfreesboro in 1897, and remained in that position until 1909.

Mrs. B. A. Henry (Ethel Scarborough Henry), an active member of Selma Baptist Church in 1972, is a cousin of J. C. Scarborough, who died December 26, 1917, and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery on Chestnut Street in Selma. His wife was buried beside him in 1922.

W. H. Avera, the other of the two deacons named in 1872, was a prominent merchant in Smithfield, who had become a trustee of Wake Forest College in 1870. He is credited with having helped make improvements in the academic program at Wake Forest, to institute the semester system there.



No direct connections have been found to connect him with any of the present day Avera (or Avery) families in this section.

It is believed that this W. H. Avera is the William H. Avera buried in the Parrish Farm Cemetery, just off the Cleveland School road, whose tombstone shows that he was born June 30, 1831, and died February 24, 1881.

E. S. Moore, Elected church clerk at the June 1, 1872 organization meeting of Selma Baptist Church, served in that capacity for eighteen years, longer than any clerk in the church's long history. He was a lawyer, and had been clerk of the First Baptist Church of Smithfield in 1868. It is believed that he practiced law both in Smithfield and in Selma.

Mr. Moore had been baptized while a student at Wake Forest College, and was a student deacon of Wake Forest Baptist Church, according to The Annals of the Baptist State Convention. He is mentioned in Paschal's History of Wake Forest College as having had a life membership in the Baptist State Convention, by virtue of having paid \$30 for the privilege. A Convention regulation dating back to 1849 was said to have made life memberships possible.

No connection is known between Mr. E. S. Moore and any branch of the Moore family now residing in Johnston County.

J. A. Underhill, the only known charter member of Selma Baptist Church to have any living descendants in the church in 1972, was a large farmer who was born in Wake County. He bought farm land north of Selma on both sides of the present Seaboard Coastline Railroad (formerly the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad). He gave the railroad land for a right of way and also contracted to furnish cross ties, and to do certain grading and construction for the Atlantic Coast Line.

Four of J. A. Underhill's grandchildren are members of the church in 1972. They are P.F.L. Underhill, B. F. Underhill, Miss Hettie Underhill, and Mrs. Mary Underhill Rollins. Mr. P.F.L. Underhill is one of the most faithful members of the present congregation, with an excellent attendance record at Sunday School and worship services. He has demonstrated his devotion to his church and Christian work through the establishment of the Underhill Memorial Fund. Proceeds from this fund are dedicated to the aid of underprivileged children who wish to attend summer church camps.

Samuel H. Hood, for many years a deacon in the Selma Baptist Church, became a member in 1874, coming to Selma by letter from the Hepzibah Church in Wake County, near Zebulon.

Evidence of the high esteem in which Samuel H. Hood was held, and appreciation for his services to his church is proven by the fact that the window dedicated to him was paid for by the church, while other memorial windows to individuals were financed by families or friends.





Mr. Frank Hood, former postmaster, who lives in Selma in 1972, is a great grandson of Samuel H. Hood, and grandson of Henry Hood, mentioned elsewhere in this history.

The famous Dr. Robert Nobles of Selma and Raleigh entered the history of Selma Baptist Church when he became converted in 1898 when the Rev. B. Lacy Hoge was pastor. (Dr. Nobles was married to a daughter of E. S. Moore.)

Dr. Nobles was a leader in the Selma Baptist Church for a number of years, before moving to Raleigh and joining the Hayes Barton Baptist Church.

### \*\*\* Lay Leaders of More Recent Years \*\*\*

Devotion to duty on the part of lay leaders is shown many times over in the frequency with which the same names appear, both in minutes of Selma Baptist Church, and minutes of the Baptist Convention.

To be able to mention all who have been of faithful service in recent years would be as impossible as naming all for past years, so the decision was made by the historical committee to limit the names of those used here to those whose services in the same capacity covered thirty-five years of service or more, with two exceptions: the office of church clerk, and church organist.

Church clerks have often served successive years, and after leaving the position, returned to it again. Only twenty-eight different members have filled this position in the church's one hundred year history, and of this number five have been women. Mrs. Ethel Scarborough, who is quite active in present day affairs of the church, holds the distinction of having served as clerk for the second greatest length of time (eleven years) of any. Her period of service has only been exceeded by the first clerk, E. S. Moore, who, as has been mentioned in another part of the history, held the post for eighteen years.

The present church organist, Mrs. Melba Woodruff, has held that position longer than any person of record. She became church organist in 1939.

Mr. Joe O'Neal, who died in 1962, was for fifty years a Deacon of Selma Baptist Church, and was presented by the church with a special award for his outstanding services. "Mr. Joe", as he is remembered affectionately by present day members, was referred to often, in his own time as well as in the present as "a dedicated Christian Gentleman."

The late Ernest V. Woodard served for fifty years as Deacon, and his widow, who is active in the church in 1972, sang in the choir for fifty years.



Mrs. Annie Vick was a Sunday School teacher for fifty-three years, besides having filled several other positions over the years.

Present-day residents of Selma with long records of service to the church include former members, Mr. and Mrs. A. Roy Driver. Mrs. Driver worked for forty-three years in the primary section of the Sunday School department. Mr. Driver taught the Baraca Class of the Sunday School for thirty-five years.

Mrs. Lelia Earp of Selma, an active member in 1972, sang in the church choir for fifty-four years. She is the widow of G. A. Earp, a very active member of the church during his lifetime.

One may consult the tables given in the appendix of this history for the names of other faithful servants of the church and the positions they filled, or are filling today.

### \*\*\* Selma and the Baptist Convention \*\*\*

It is not unusual that Selma Baptists have for so long figured prominently in the affairs of the North Carolina Baptist Convention. A Johnston County man, Daniel Boon, was appointed to the board of directors when the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized at Greenville, N. C. by the Baptist Benevolent Society of North Carolina in 1830.

As early as 1832 an associational missionary was visiting Johnston County, to hold Baptist meetings in Smithfield and vicinity. No record exists of how early regular visits were made to Selma, but Elder W. B. Harrell of Clayton, who was instrumental in the organization of Selma Baptist Church in 1872, had been making regular trips to Selma, Pine Level and Boon Hill (now Princeton), to preach to everyone of any faith (or none), who would come to hear him. (One wonders if his frequent trips to Selma over an extended period of time prior to 1872 might not be the reason that many who wrote of Johnston County in the years immediately after the Civil War stated that there was already a Baptist church in Selma.)

One of the first official acts of the newly organized Selma Baptist Church was the June 19, 1872, action to petition the Raleigh Baptist Association for membership, which was promptly granted. At that time there were thirty-six member churches in the association.

Two members of the Selma congregation were immediately assigned to important positions within the Association. J. C. Scarborough was made chairman of the Committee on Temperance, and W. H. Avera was named teller for the convention. (The "Teller" gave the official count when voting was taking place.)



In 1874, when the church was only two years old, the association held its sixty-ninth annual meeting at Selma. This was before the Selma church had a building of its own, so the place of the meeting for the four day session (October 22-25) must have been held at the "Academy", where it is believed Sunday services were being held.

The Raleigh Association met for a second time at Selma, in 1886, and the minutes show that J. C. Scarborough was moderator.

In 1903, at the Selma Baptist Church, the Johnston Baptist Association was organized. This action followed an earlier session of the Raleigh Association that year at Smithfield, when the decision was made, at the suggestion of the Raleigh Association officials that this be done. The reason given was that there were so many churches then in the Raleigh Association that there was difficulty in assembling all the delegates for a convention.

The beautiful stained glass window on the east side of the present church (not built until four years later) commemorates that great occasion.

An interesting item concerned with the organization of the Johnston Association is that the man chosen as first moderator, R. H. Gower, held that position for twenty-five years. Mr. Gower, a resident of Clayton, referred to in a brief "History of Johnston Association", in the 1933 minutes of the Association as a man of "...radiant good cheer and optimism ..." was known to Selma Baptists as a good friend of the Selma church, as well as a faithful servant of the Association. On more than one occasion Mr. Gower paid tribute to the work of the Selma Baptist Church and it's contributions to the Johnston Association, "...in loyalty to the ideals that made our Baptist forefathers great..."

Other meetings of the Johnston Baptist Association at Selma were held in 1908 (sixth session); 1929 (Twenty-fifth session); 1950 (Forty-eighth session) and 1957 (Fifty-fifth session). The 1957 session, in keeping with the practice of having churches share the conference, began at Selma on October 22 and was continued on October 24 at Watkins Chapel.

### \*\*\* Church Membership \*\*\*

In church membership, Selma Baptist Church has seen periods of rapid growth, sharp decline and periods when the total membership was fairly stabilized, at either a high or low level. The little group of nine which founded the church in 1872 grew to thirteen during its first four months, and to nineteen by 1873. In 1875 there were forty-seven members, and sixty by 1879. A slight decline until 1884 brought membership down to fifty-five, with a rise to seventy-four the following year. A high of 139 members in 1887 dropped to fifty-five by 1895. In 1898 the membership increased to eighty-four, but dropped as low as forty-three (an all-time low, except for the beginning years) in 1900.



This number doubled the next year, and increased to 197 by 1908, when another decline set in. The 250 mark was passed by 1915 and there were 327 members in 1921. The highest number of members during the church's history was 493, recorded for 1961.

Reports on baptisms show that a total of 1,137 members have come into the Selma Baptist Church by baptism during the one hundred years since its founding. Largest number of baptisms for a single year was sixty-six in 1915. C. E. Stevens was pastor at the time.

During the early years, members were sometimes expelled or "excluded" from the church for periods of time, for conduct which the church would not condone. Two members were expelled in 1875 and three were excluded in 1876. None have been expelled since then, but during the period 1877-1925 the record shows that a total of eighty-two were "excluded".

### \*\*\* Sunday School \*\*\*

The Sunday School of Selma Baptist Church has enjoyed periods of high membership, often far greater in numbers than those for church membership, and has seen periods when Sunday School numbers dwindled to comparatively small figures.

Associational minutes, which form the basis for so much of the earlier church history, do not give Sunday School membership figures prior to 1880, when forty-seven members were reported, at a time church membership was fifty-four. As far back as 1875, however, Selma was reported as having an "evergreen" Sunday School (One held year around, not dying out in winter).

The highest figure reported for Sunday School was 463, in 1957, with church membership at the time being 452. In 1905 there were more than twice as many in Sunday School as there were church members; 278, Sunday School; 116, Church. In 1945 there were 449 in Sunday School, with a church membership of 274.

A list of Sunday School superintendents is given in the tables of information at the end of this history.

### \*\*\* Youth Activity \*\*\*

The Rev. Billy W. Stevens, a student of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, was called by the church on October 10, 1971, to serve as Minister of Youth.





Under Mr. Steven's able leadership, youth groups totaling forty-five in number participate in young peoples activities. Included are supervised activities in the recreation hall three or more evenings a week, and religious activities on Wednesday and Sunday.

\*\*\* Woman's Missionary Union \*\*\*

The W. M. U. for the Selma Baptist Church was organized in 1914, when the Rev. C. E. Stevens was pastor. Mrs. Stevens served as first president.

Since its inception in the Selma Baptist Church, the W. M. U. has filled an important role in the life of the church. Church minutes, as well as opinion, shows that interest in the work has grown with the years. It is felt that members of the W. M. U. at present, like those who founded the organization, are true to the motto of the union, and its purpose for being, "Laborers together with God."

The following brief table of financial figures tells graphically of the progress and accomplishments of the Woman's Missionary Union of Selma Baptist Church :

	<u>1872</u>	<u>1873</u>	<u>1874</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Foreign Missions	\$13.75		\$ 5.25		
Home Missions	10.00		1.00		
Associational Fund	2.00	\$ 2.00	2.00		
Lottie Moon Offering (Foreign Missions)				\$929.31	\$1,245.29
Annie Armstrong Offering (Home Missions)				180.98	372.82

A list of W. M. U. presidents will be found in the information tables at the end of the church history.

\*\*\* The Brotherhood \*\*\*

Brotherhood work was first mentioned in the Johnston Associational minutes in 1946, with Carter's Chapel having the only chapter in the association.

Selma Baptist Church is reported by church members of that period to have organized a Brotherhood Chapter in the early 1940's with Wilbur Wiggs as president. The minutes of Selma Baptist Church report a Brotherhood Chapter in 1947, with E. V. Woodard as president.



The minutes of the Johnston Association first report a Brotherhood at Selma in 1951, with Raymond Peedin as president. This chapter began its work with twelve members. Membership reports show a high of eighty-five in 1956, but attendance has been mostly in the twenty to thirty range during recent years. Reports on RA members, since they came under the sponsorship of the Brotherhood, have varied from twelve to twenty-three members.

Brotherhood presidents are listed in the information tables.

### \*\*\* Missions \*\*\*

Two missions have been established by Selma Baptist Church. In 1916 a mission was sponsored in the Lizzie Mill section of Selma, which continued actively until 1926, when its membership was absorbed by the parent church.

Faith Baptist Mission was organized in 1956, located on Ricks Road in Selma. Its request for independent status was granted in 1965, and it is now known as Faith Baptist Church.

### \*\*\* Memorial Windows \*\*\*

The beauty and appropriateness of the church windows is enjoyed by the present day congregation as it was by those of past years. The large central window on the east side of the sanctuary, depicting the baptism of Christ, commemorates the founding of the Johnston Baptist Association, in 1903, and was presented to the church by the Association in 1908.

The event is recorded in the minutes of the Baptist Convention as follows:

The Johnston County Baptist Association met with the Selma Baptist Church in 1908, with R. H. Gower serving as moderator.

M. C. Winston, R. E. Richardson, J. M. O'Neal and Clarence Richardson served as delegates for the Selma Church.

The Association presented a large memorial window to the Selma church with Mr. Gower making the presentation speech and the pastor, O. R. Mangum, making the acceptance speech in behalf of the church.



Other memorial windows are dedicated to faithful workers of the church and their children. On the north side, at the back of the sanctuary and first on the left as one enters from the main vestibule, is the window dedicated to the memory of Needham Don Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Ward.

The second window in the rear of the church was presented by M. C. Winston in memory of his mother, Mrs. Randall Sydney Winston, born November 1, 1820; died February 25, 1900.

Next one sees the window placed in memory of Annie L. Nowell, born January 4, 1850; died November 3, 1900, by her father.

On the left of the central window on the east side, already referred to, one sees the memorial to Samuel H. Hood, born March 3, 1822; died October 17, 1894, and his wife, Nancy M. Hood, born March 1, 1818; died May 27, 1889.

On the right of the central window is the window presented in memory of Lois Bolling Bass, born May 11, 1884; died January 19, 1905, by her aunt, Mrs. R. B. Carrington.

### \*\*\* Church Finance \*\*\*

A glance at some of the financial statistics of the church provide some interesting figures. No church financial records are available prior to 1879, when an annual budget of \$327.55 was entered into the minutes of the Raleigh Association. The pastor's salary at that time was shown as \$250 for the year.

With services changing from twice monthly to three times monthly, for periods of time, and dropping to one service monthly, on occasion, it is easy to see why there were variations in salary from the initial \$250 a year, to as high at \$450 during the period of the late 1800's. The lowest annual figure for pastor's salary recorded was \$100 for 1895 (and it could well be that the church did not have a pastor for the full year then).

In 1926, when the church began holding services every Sunday, the pastor's salary was reported as \$1,641. During the years of the Great Depression of the 1930's, the figure declined to a low of \$1,000. Following World War II, with the figure already considerably higher than in the thirties, salary continued to rise. The records show \$2,400 in 1945; \$3,000 in 1948; and on up to the figure of \$7,000 which has prevailed since 1969. There was a rather sharp reduction in pastor's salary in 1957, with the amount being recorded as \$5,000, reduced from \$6,175 for the previous year.



Church budget figures show the smallest amount for the year 1900, when only \$210.50 was recorded. (The first budget, back in 1979, had shown \$327.55). The largest budget was for the year 1969, with the figure of \$43,100 being shown. The last budget, 1971, was for \$40,968.

Value of church property has fluctuated according to the times and the additions of educational facilities, building of parsonages, renovation of buildings and purchases of new facilities and equipment.

The first figures the associational minutes show for property values begin with the 1904 entry of \$2,000. Valuation in 1908 was recorded as \$12,000; 1920, \$15,000; 1921, \$25,000; 1927, \$33,000; 1950, \$80,000; 1956, \$100,000; 1959, \$135,000; 1961, \$145,000; and 1971, \$155,000.

### \*\*\* Epilogue \*\*\*

It seems fitting to the committee which prepared this church history that Selma Baptist Church should take pride in its great heritage of a hundred years and eagerly accept the challenges which face the church at present and will in the future.

The committee is confident that those who write of the activities which take place during the second hundred years will find evidence of good works for God, carried out by faithful workers of the present and future which will compare favorably with the things accomplished by the founders, and "doers" of the past.





## A P P E N D I X

Any list of leaders will omit some names that should be included. In addition to naming all the pastors, the history committee thought it wise to name all the church clerks and all the Sunday School Superintendents, all the W. M. U. Presidents (or Directors), all the Brotherhood Presidents and all the Deacons so far as this information is shown by what records we have available. The committee had no church minutes prior to 1919 and there are many periods of a year or more since that date that no minutes of the church business sessions are available. An attempt has been made elsewhere to name all persons with thirty-five or more years of service to this church. The following tables are probably incomplete, but they are the best the committee could do with the material and the time available. Names and dates shown are those found in the associational minutes or the minutes of the Selma Baptist Church.

### SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH PASTORS

W. M. Wingate-----1872-1873  
W. T. Brooks-----1874-1876  
J. T. Albritton-----1877-1879  
J. K. Howell-----1880-1888  
O. C. Horton-----1889-1894  
J. G. Pulliam-----1895  
J. F. Tuttle-----1896-1897  
B. Lacy Hoge-----1898  
Duncan McLeod-----1899-1901  
M. A. Adams-----1902-1903  
C. W. Blanchard-----1904-1906  
O. R. Mangum-----1907-1909  
T. H. King-----1910-1911

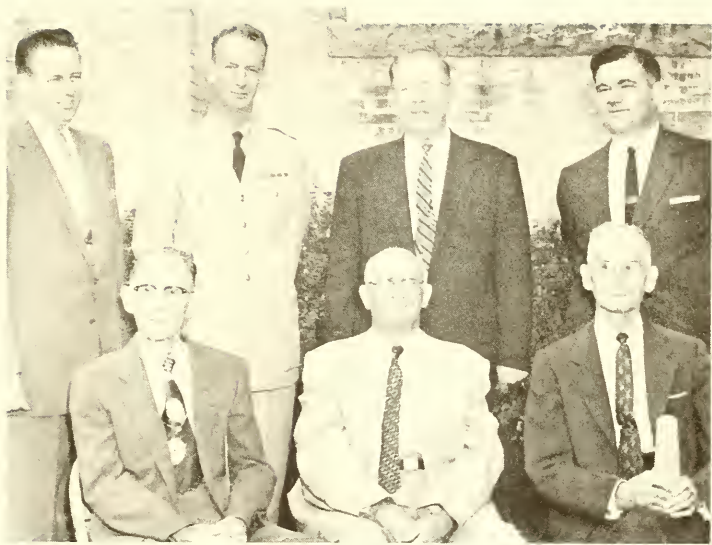


SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH PASTORS  
(Continued)

J. B. Jackson-----1912  
E. R. Nelson-----1913  
C. E. Stevens-----1914-1917  
R. R. Lanier-----1918-1919  
B. Townsend-----1920-1921  
A. A. Butler-----1922-1923  
C. H. Cashwell-----1924-1925  
R. L. Shirley-----1926-1927  
W. J. Crain-----1928-1934  
L. R. O'Brian-----1935  
D. M. Clemmons-----1936-1943  
J. W. Baker-----1944-1946  
H. B. Land, Jr.-----1948-1952  
J. D. Hillman-----1953-1954  
Frank Zedick-----1955-1959  
Guy C. Moore-----1960-1966  
James E. Langford-----1967-1968  
Jesse R. Mansfield----1969-1970  
D. Wayne Martin-----1971-

\*NOTE: Dates shown are from the annual reports of the church  
to the Baptist State Convention, as given in Associational  
Minutes.





50th Homecoming, September 15, 1957 (left to right) Frank Zedick, H. B. Land,  
D. M. Clemmons, J. D. Hillman, W. J. Crain, R. R. Lanier, and C. E. Stevens



B. LACY HOGE—1898



D. M. CLEMMONS—1936-44



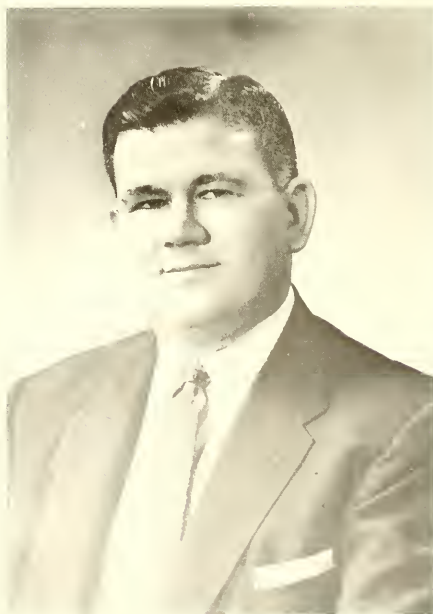




H. B. LAND—1948-52



J. D. HILLMAN—1953-55





FRANK ZEDICK 1955-59



GUY C. MOORE—1960-1967





JAMES LANGFORD—1967-69



JESSE MANSFIELD—1969-70





# SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH DEACONS

A complete listing of the Deacons who have served Selma Baptist Church for the past hundred years is impossible to make, since church minutes prior to 1919 have been lost or destroyed, and no other listing was located by the Historical Committee.

A few names of those known to be Deacons did appear in references to affairs of the church which were found. Known, of course, are the two Deacons who were charter members, W. H. Avera and J. C. Scarborough. Others mentioned by name in early records include D. H. Graves and Samuel H. Hood.

The list below dates only from 1919.

A. Jones	W. E. Wiggs	Joe Creech
Theo Eason, Sr.	S. L. Canady	Clem Gray
G. M. Willits	C. P. Kirby	Truett Jones
E. V. Woodard	R. B. Smith	Bernard Proctor
J. N. Wiggs	L. O. Davis	B. T. Godwin
J. M. O'Neal	Talmage Corbett	Dr. Allen Lee
G. A. Earp	Vernon Wiggs	Odell Strickland
L. L. Creech	W. G. Ricks, Jr.	R. L. Stencil
J. A. Eason	Dr. W. H. Lassiter	Joe Hatcher
W. G. Reynolds	Leon Woodruff	Willis Dewar
C. E. Kornegay	Floyd C. Price, Jr.	W. H. Pender
Roy Driver	Percy Strickland	George Sturgeon
O. L. Bailey	James Hodge	Bill Massey
N. J. Creech	Marvin Smith	Dr. R. E. Earp
J. H. Talton	W. L. Williams	James Chandler
V. C. Sewell	Carl P. Worley, Jr.	Wilson J. Broadwell
S. B. Creech	E. C. Jernigan	Jack Patton
H. E. Earp	G. W. Sullivan	J. A. Creech, Jr.
C. A. Jacobs	Albert Eason	Joe Moore
D. L. Liles	Elmer Brown	Vernon Stallings
A. L. Langley	R. M. Peedin	Span Peedin
C. P. Worley, Sr.	Julian Deans	Maylon Baker
E. C. Perry	Ray Tompkins	Calvin Warren
Paul Harris	S. J. Smith	Glenn Hatcher
W. H. Hill	Mrs. Grace Worley	Hubert Allen
B. A. Henry	Mrs. G. D. Vick	Stanley Ricks
N. V. Smith	Dickie Broadwell	John Radford





# SEEMA BAPTIST CHURCH CLERKS

E. S. Moore-----1872-1889  
 B. S. Liles-----1890-1891  
 J. T. Blackman-----1891-1894  
 L. F. Bailey-----1895-1897  
 W. H. Hare-----1898-1902  
 S. C. Robertson-----1903  
 H. W. Hood-----1904  
 J. W. Liles-----1905-1907  
 J. M. O'Neal-----1908-1909  
 R. P. Noble-----1910-1911  
 B. S. Reynolds-----1912-1918  
 G. A. Earp-----1920-1922 and 1929-1934  
 Theo Eason-----1923-1926  
 A. E. McKeithen-----1927-1928  
 C. P. Worley-----1935-1936  
 David S. Ball-----1937-1940  
 R. B. Smith-----1941-1946  
 Sam Brown-----1947  
 Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Jr.-----1948  
 Harold Hales-----1949  
 Mrs. L. G. Barden-----1950-1952  
 A. S. Eason-----1953  
 Talmage Corbett-----1954-1955  
 Donald Broadwell-----1956-1957  
 Mrs. Ethel Scarborough-----1958-1965 and 1968-1969  
 Tom Davis-----1966-1967  
 Mrs. Carroll Wooten-----1970  
 Mrs. Glenn Hatcher-----1971-



# SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

H. D. Graves-----1880-1891  
 E. S. Moore-----1892-1895  
 L. F. Bailey-----1896-1897  
 M. C. Winston-----1898-1900  
 C. W. Richardson-----1901, 1902, 1904, 1905  
 S. C. Richardson-----1903, 1906  
 J. R. Hood-----1907  
 B. F. Hassell-----1908  
 W. B. Crumpton-----1919-1921  
 S. B. Creech-----1922  
 W. R. Smith-----1923  
 J. A. Williams-----1924 (part of)  
 N. J. Creech-----1924, 1925, 1936-1942  
 C. A. Jacobs-----1927-1928  
 G. M. Willits-----1929  
 A. R. Driver-----1930-1932, 1943-1944  
 H. E. Earp-----1933-1935  
 A. L. Langley-----1945  
 Talmage Corbett-----1946-1947, 1952-1954  
 C. P. Worley, Jr.-----1948-1949, 1955-1956  
 Harold Hales-----1950-1951, 1957-1960, 1962  
 James Hodge-----1961  
 Joe Hatcher-----1963  
 Billy Lee-----1964  
 George Sturgeon-----1965  
 J. A. Creech, Jr.-----1966  
 Truett Jones-----1967-1968  
 Joe Moore-----1969  
 Larry Stallings-----1970  
 Carlell H. Goff, Jr.-----1971 -

## PRESIDENTS OF SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH BROTHERHOOD

E. V. Woodard-----1947  
 Raymond Peedin-----1951  
 Dr. R. E. Earp-----1955 and 1968  
 Albert Eason-----1956-1957  
 T. B. Corbett-----1958 and 1967  
 Tom I. Davis-----1959  
 Wilson Broadwell-----1960  
 Truett Jones-----1961  
 Joe Creech-----1962  
 Billy Lee-----1963 and 1965  
 James Chandler-----1964 and 1971  
 Wilbur Wiggs-----1966  
 George Sturgeon-----1969  
 Kirby Rose-----1970



# PRESIDENTS OF SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. C. E. Stevens-----1914  
 Mrs. E. V. Woodard-----1915-1916  
 Mrs. G. D. Vick-----1917-1925  
 Mrs. R. L. Shirley-----1926-1927  
 Mrs. C. A. Jacobs-----1928  
 Mrs. W. J. Crain-----1929-1931  
 Mrs. J. W. Barham-----1935-1937  
 Mrs. C. B. Fulghum-----1938-1940  
 Mrs. H. T. Talton-----1941  
 Mrs. A. R. Driver-----1942-1943, 1948  
 Mrs. G. A. Earp-----1944  
 Mrs. A. L. Langley-----1945-1947  
 Mrs. Charles Kirby-----1949-1950  
 Mrs. H. B. Land, Jr.-----1951  
 Mrs. Marvin Smith-----1952-1953  
 Mrs. C. P. Worley, Sr.-----1954-1956, 1961  
 Mrs. Grover Creech-----1957-1958  
 Mrs. O. L. Radford-----1959-1960  
 Miss Julia Grant-----1962-1965  
 Mrs. James Chandler-----1966  
 Mrs. R. E. Earp-----1967-1969  
 Mrs. Glenn Hatcher-----1970  
 Mrs. Carlell H. Goff, Jr.-----1971

## SELMA BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS 1971 - 1972

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR: Mr. Carlell H. Goff, Jr.  
 W. M. U. DIRECTOR: Mrs. Betty Sue Wooten  
 BAPTIST WOMEN PRESIDENT: Mrs. Linda Goff  
 BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT: Mr. James Chandler  
 V. B. S. SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Billy Stephens  
 YOUTH STUDY & INVOLVEMENT: Dennis Davis, Hubert  
     Allen, Robert Denning, Carlell Goff, Jerry  
     Wood, Odell Strickland, Ellen Allen, Linda  
     Goff, Joyce Denning, Sue Wood  
 DEACONS: THREE YEARS - Stanley Ricks, John Radford,  
                             Hubert Allen, George Sturgeon;  
                             MAYLON BAKER, Joe Moore, Calvin  
                             Warren, Glenn Hatcher;  
                             ONE YEAR - Raymond Peedin, T. B. Corbett,  
   Woodrow Sullivan, Vernon Stallings  
 TRUSTEES: THREE YEARS - Glenn Hatcher, J. A. Creech, Jr.;  
                             TWO YEARS - Vance McBride, Effie Flowers;  
                             ONE YEAR - Truett Jones, Kirby Rose  
 CHURCH CLERK: Mrs. Glenn Hatcher  
 CHURCH ENGINEER: Buddy Brown



# SEIMA BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS 1971 - 1972

(Continued)

CHOIR & MUSIC DIRECTOR: Mrs. Melba Woodruff  
 PIANIST: Mrs. J. A. Creech, Jr.  
 LIBRARIAN: Mrs. Sue Wood  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY: Miss Sue Jones  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Dickie Broadwell  
 CHURCH HISTORIAN: Mrs. George Sturgeon  
 CHURCH TREASURER: B. T. Godwin  
 DIRECTOR OF FINANCES: Hubert Allen  
 ASSOCIATIONAL LAY REPRESENTATIVE: George Sturgeon  
 FINANCE: Joe A. Creech, Sr., Vernon Stallings, Jack Patton,  
           Jerry Wood  
 LORD'S SUPPER: Mr. & Mrs. Span Peedin  
 BAPTISMAL: Mr. & Mrs. Leon Williams, Mr. & Mrs. John Hines  
 DELIBERATIONS: Wilson (Jiggs) Broadwell, Mrs. Annie Vick  
 HOSPITALITY: Mr. & Mrs. B. T. Godwin, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson  
           Broadwell, Mr. & Mrs. Pete Pender  
 FOOD PANTRY: Mrs. J. V. Price, Mrs. Thelma Stancil,  
           Mrs. Pete Pender  
 VISITATION: Leon Williams, J. O. Thorne, Clem Gray, Mrs.  
           L. O. Davis, Mrs. Annie Vick  
 PUBLICITY: Mrs. E. V. Woodard  
 MUSIC: Mrs. J. A. Creech, Jr., Mrs. Betty Sue Wooten, Mrs.  
           Vernon Wiggs, Mrs. Faye Ricks, Mrs. Joe Moore, Mrs.  
           Melba Woodruff  
 VISUAL EDUCATION: Dennis Davis, Susan Lqe  
 USHERS: J. O. Thorne, Chairman, Elmer Brown, Joe Moore,  
           T. B. Corbett, Robert Stancil, Monty Pollard, Larry  
           Stallings, Maylon Baker, Carroll Wooten, Kirby Rose,  
           Landis Thorne, Bart Broadwell  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS: PRE-SCHOOL: Mrs. Betty Sue Wooten,  
   Mrs. Faye Ricks, Mrs. Ellen Allen, Mrs.  
   Marjorie Hatcher, Mrs. Elaine Byrd;  
 CHILDREN: Mrs. Frances Moore, Mrs. John  
   Radford, Mrs. Linda Goff, Mrs. Sylvia  
   Proctor;  
 YOUTH: J. O. Thorne, E. C. Pollard, Mrs.  
   Barbara Mansfield, Mrs. Iris Martin;  
 YOUNG ADULTS: Billy Stephens  
 ADULTS - MEN, CLASS I : Harold Hales; Class II:  
   Tom I. Davis; Class III: E. C. Perry,  
   Raleigh H. Griffin, Talmage B. Corbett,  
   Bernard F. Proctor;  
 WOMEN, CLASS I: Mrs. Sue Price; Class  
II: Mrs. Melba Woodruff; Class III:  
   Mrs. Dorothy Worley; Class IV: Miss  
   Rena King



















